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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Takashi NAKANO, et al.

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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SIR:

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of Allowability of the claimed invention. In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance of January 27, 2010, Applicants respectfully submit the following comments.

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance on page 2 of the Notice of Allowance mailed January 27, 2010, paragraph 4 states in part:

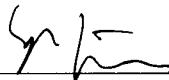
The prior art of record fails to teach or suggest a soap making mold, comprising a set of splits, each of the splits having a recess defining part of the cavity, wherein a difference of a surface roughness Ra of one split and a surface roughness Ra of the recess of any other splits is 0.1 to 30 μm , in order to prevent the soap bar from falling off the cavity when the molds are opened.

The above comment does not appear to be accurate with respect to independent Claims 1 and 8. For example, Claims 1 and 8 do not recite to "prevent the soap bar from falling off the cavity when the molds are opened." Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the above quoted statement does not apply to independent Claims 1 and 8 (and claims

dependent therefrom) to the extent the language used in the statement differs from the language of the claims.

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